Indian prisoners were presented before the relatives. The visiting family members did not come across missing defence personnel in the jails they visited. However, it was confirmed that one of the missing personnel had been killed in action and not taken Prisoner of War.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Drop in mobile phone singals

*167. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that locations close to cantonments, defence areas and airports report signal drops in mobile phones;

(b) if so, whether TRAI has issued some guidelines for giving relaxation to the companies; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) While there is a restriction on height of the towers for mobile phones within seven kilometers of the airports, there is no such restriction in other areas. Some of the companies have indicated that there is a problem in getting permission for setting up of towers and availability of sites in and around these areas. TRAI has not issued any guidelines for giving relaxation to the companies in this regard. TRAI periodically monitors the Quality of Service of mobile telephone service of all the Telecom Access Service Providers.

Cases received by CIC

*168 DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases (appeals/complaints) received by the Central Information Commission (CIC);

(b) the total number of cases in which reviews have been filed;

(c) the number of cases in which non-compliance with CIC orders has been reported;

(d) the number of cases in which delay in providing information has been reported and out of these in how many cases, show cause notice for imposition of penalty has been issued and financial penalties were finally imposed;

(e) the number of cases in which financial penalty was withdrawn after having been imposed; and

(f) the number of cases that have been disposed of without holding any hearing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a): The Central Information Commission received 10,975 appeals/complaints upto 21.08.2007.

(b) to (d) and (f) The Central Information Commission does not maintain these details.

(e) Financial penalty imposed was withdrawn in four cases.

Help to Indians in Oman

*169. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high velocity tornado played havoc with life and property in Oman during the first week of June, 2007;

(b) if so,the details of the losses suffered by Indians living in Oman; and

(c) the help provided by Indian Mission in Oman to Indians there to mitigate their hardships?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A high velocity cyclone named "GONU" struck the Sultanate of Oman on June 5-6, 2007. Seven Indians lost their lives while five are still missing. Their names are as under:

Persons who lost their lives

1. Shri Ranga Swamy Maniyaiah, Karnataka
2. Shri Pritpal Singh, Punjab
3. Shri Sarwan Kumar Balai, Rajasthan
4. Shri Bokka Srinu, Andhra Pradesh
5. Shrimati Shobana Ratesh Sharma, Maharashtra
6. Shri Mohammed Ali Poovali Parambil Beeran, Kerala
7. Shri Anil Kumar Vadika Veetuparambil, Kerala

Persons missing

1. Shri Sajit Kumar, Kerala
2. Shri C.S. Udayan, Kerala
3. Shri Sami, Andhra Pradesh
4. Shri Binu Poulose, Kerala
5. Shri Govindbhai Rajendra Kumar Mistry, Gujarat

There was loss and damage to property of the Indians. According to the Government of Oman, the total loss of property due to the Cyclone is estimated to